

City LG—May 8th-10th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Til I Hear It from You (The Wise and Foolish Builders) • *Matthew 7:24-29*

Today's Bottom Line: Practice hearing from God.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.*

1 Timothy 4:8, NIV

Pre-Service Activity: Duck Race Video (VIDEO on Computer)

Supplies Needed: Blue, Yellow, Pink Sticky Notes

Give each kid a sticky note (be sure to use different colors so kids don't all have the same color). That is the Duck they will cheer for. Encourage the Kids to Cheer on their Duck throughout the video.

NOTE: Begin this Activity 5 minutes before your Start Time.

WORSHIP: Undefeated and Give My All

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Superhero Cards and Large Posters

CG: Superhero Images FRONT and BACK

Hey Parkview Kids! All this Month, we are celebrating some of our Missions Partners here at Parkview that show their commitment and love for Jesus by sharing the Good News of Jesus all over the world. Let's meet our Superheroes we'll feature today!

(Read the Cards BACK and let the Kids know that they will be getting their Superhero Cards today)

At the end of our talk today, we'll also have a Superhero Race! Stay tuned! Let's get started!

"Hi, everyone! Today we're looking at an important message that Jesus once shared (*hold up Bible*)—not long after He had been baptized then went into the wilderness alone to spend time with God.

"After Jesus returned from the wilderness, He went to a city called Galilee. He began to teach and gather His closest group of friends—the disciples. Lots of other people heard Jesus speak, too, and they started to follow Him everywhere!

"One day, Jesus climbed a mountainside and began to teach the disciples. He shared all kinds of wisdom about how God wants us to live. He finished with an important message for His friends, which is also true for us today."

"Jesus said . . .

Open the Bible to Matthew 7:24 (NIV) and read.

“Everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock.

“That’s the way I want to live! I want to be wise. Jesus said that we can be wise when we hear His words (*hold up Bible*) AND put them into practice. If we do, it’s like we’re building a house on solid rock. That’s what our Bible Story Video is all about today. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

“The people who listened to Jesus that day were amazed. They could see that Jesus spoke with power. They could tell that His words were important!

“Jesus made it really clear that anyone who hears His words AND puts them into practice will build a strong, sturdy foundation for their life. No matter what storms come in life, or how hard things may get, you can always depend on Him. He will always be with you!

(Hold up Bible.) “That’s why reading the Bible is such an important part of our training plan. It’s a great way that we can grow stronger in our relationship with God. We need to HEAR from God (*hold up Bible*) so that we can find the words Jesus said . . . as well as the history, stories, letters, and poetry that fit together to make up God’s Big Story. Then we’ll know how to do what’s most important: love God and love others, every day!

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Practice hearing from God.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for this important message that Jesus told His friends, which is also true for us today! Help us take time to hear from You by reading the Bible—whether we’re on our own, with a friend, or with family member. Help us remember what we’ve read so that we can know what’s true, no matter what happens in our lives. And help us know what to do with what we’ve heard, so that we can live Your way every day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“We can hear from God by reading the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) As we do, we can get to know God better. You might look at the Bible and think, ‘That is a really gigantic book.’ It IS big . . . and it can be a little tricky for us to understand if we don’t have someone to help us. But remember, you can always ask someone to help you—like your mom or dad, your older brother or sister, or someone else in your family. You can read the Bible in a book like this or read a devotional that explains different verses or stories. You can even listen to the Bible on a Bible app!

“If you don’t have a Bible, ask the person you came with today . . . or talk to your Small Group Leader. It’s amazing that we can hear from God by reading what’s written in these pages. We want everyone to be able to do that, including you!

“Before we head to Small Group and talk some more about how you can hear from God, let’s cheer on our Superheroes who are committed to God all around the world. If you brought an offering, you can bring it up at any time!”

It’s time for Week 2 of our Superhero Races. This week’s race pits Mindy from Guinea vs. Sam from Malawi! Who do you think will win? Let’s find out!

CG: Superhero Race 2

NOTE: Be sure to hand out this week’s trading cards to your kids at a time that seems appropriate to you.

Dismiss kids to their small groups.